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The news last night showed Gina at a press conference, so I was glad to see our presence on nightly news. The TV news story didn't bash us, and the print press this morning went into more detail about how there was local resistance to the Superfund designation and how the mine was leaking on a daily basis before this accidental release. Apparently the feeder creeks to the Animas are pretty sterile due to contamination.

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Thought this statement about SF95 was interesting/disturbing. I googled the form, and it is to make a claim and specify a dollar amount that represents final settlement of the claim.

<http://narcosphere.narconews.com/notebook/brenda-norrell/2015/08/us-poisons-navajo-river-water-scorched-earth-campaign>

Not only has the US poisoned the Animas River water in this area of New Mexico and Colorado, but the US EPA immediately began a dirty tricks campaign, attempting to get Navajos to sign waivers of liability to release the US from financial liability, to prevent Navajos and others from recovering.

Already, the US has presented these forms to Navajos in Shiprock, N.M., and Aneth and Oljato in Utah. These are remote areas where many Navajo elders still speak Dine' (Navajo.)

Navajo President Russell Begaye has warned the people not to sign these waivers of liability in this latest attempt by the US to continue genocide against Native Americans and America's poor.

Navajo President Russell Begaye said, "The U.S. EPA has been seeking signatures from the Navajo People on Standard Form No. 95 which, if signed, will waive future claims against the U.S. EPA.

"The Federal Government is asking our People to waive their future rights because they know without the waiver they will be paying millions to our People. This is simple; the Feds are protecting themselves at the expense of the Navajo people and it is outrageous." President Begaye said.

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